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## SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1939 WILL BE GALA DAY FOR AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS

### T. J. HUDDLESTON, JR. BIRTHDAY PARTY WELL ATTENDED

Hospital Celebration Day is just "Over the Fence." In just a few more days thousands of loyal Afros and friends are expected to be present here in Yazoo City for Hospital Celebration Day. This is a Red Letter day on the Afro Calendar and is looked forward to each year with great anticipation.

An excellent program has been arranged, also other special features to make the day an enjoyable one. It is good to get out from home some time to see and meet other people, shake hands with old friends, and meet new ones. For years this occasion has been made an enjoyable one through your cooperation and it is our desire that the spirit will keep up and alive—that the enthusiastic fire shall never smoulder, but burn with unquenchable fervor.

#### Dr. Miller To Hold Examination Clinic

On Hospital Celebration Day, Dr. Miller will hold an examination clinic. All persons wishing an examination may avail themselves of this opportunity, but must be prepared to pay for prescription and medicine. Sickness is the one item in the budget whose demands are unpredictable, but one item we can put in the budget is health maintenance. We can have ourselves examined and treated, thus nip the disease in the bud. A stitch in time saves nine. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure, says the old adages. Today more and more physicians are turning their attention to the prevention of diseases rather than the therapeutic side of practice. Statistics have shown that we spend only about one dollar for the prevention of disease to every twenty-nine dollars spent for cure. Therefore, it is well that you come prepared to take an examination, that you may have a knowledge of the condition of your body.

#### Registration

Each adult Afro member is expected to register with 25c and all children 10c. You are urgently asked to register in the Afro-American Office before going up to the Auditorium. This will avoid the usual disorder and confusion, and will save time. This will also give us a chance to carry the entire program through. Some of the office young ladies will be on hand to register your name and you will get proper credit. As you know the money on Hospital Celebration Day goes to purchase linen for the hospital. It is almost impossible to get too much linen for the hospital, therefore, each person is urged not to overlook this important feature of Hospital Celebration Day.

#### Annual Address

The Annual Address will be delivered by Mr. F. C. Huddleston. Those of us who have heard Mr. Huddleston, know he is fully able to master this task. We can still remember how he thrilled the audience at the Grand Lodge in Greenwood. Mr. Huddleston's position and activities in connection with the Afro-American Sons & Daughters fits him for this service. Those who fail to hear him will miss a treat.

#### Refreshments

Just before or just after all important occasions, refreshments have taken an essential place. We remember how the Master prepared meals for his disciples and how they ate together at various times. The custom has been found to be a wonderful aid in promoting fellowship.

It has been the custom of the Afros to serve all persons free on Hospital Celebration Day. We have always put forth effort to have plenty so that even the smallest child could be served. This year we are attempting to include the name of the entire Afro family in this feast and we certainly want you here to get your part. Cousin Tom will be greatly disappointed if you fail to come. This day is yours and it represents a big turn in Negro history. Considering the benefits offered by the hospital, we think everyone should avail themselves of this opportunity. Don't forget, you will have no reason to return home hungry. Refreshments free.

#### At Brother's Birthday Party

Mrs. Carrie E. Little, of Chicago, Ill., was one of the guests at the birthday party of Mr. Huddleston, Jr. Mrs. Little had been here several days before the party and was delighted that she was here for the party. She recently returned to her home. Mrs. Little is always a welcome visitor here, and her many friends and relatives regret that her stay was not longer.

#### TO PRESENT BIG AFRO BROADCAST OF 1939



F. C. HUDDLESTON  
Supreme Inspector, Afro-American Sons & Daughters

Pictured above is F. C. Huddleston before the mike and Clister L. Johnson, who will present the big Afro Broadcast of 1939 at their Spring Festivals. Dates running in this issue.



C. L. JOHNSON  
Supreme Lecturer, Afro-American Sons & Daughters

#### AFRO FESTIVAL TIME IS NEAR

##### ATTEND THE FESTIVAL NEAREST YOU

The time of the year has come when we are staging Afro Festivals in different sections of the state. We give the Festivals in order that more of our members will have the opportunity to take on the spirit that is radiated at our Grand Lodges; when the day comes that we cease to work, the organization will cease to grow.

The Festivals are being held by districts as follows: Hattiesburg, 2nd Sunday in April; Greenville, 3rd Sunday; Clarksdale, 4th Sunday; and Greenwood, 5th Sunday. Letters will be sent you designating the Festival. You are asked to attend. President and F. S. please start your lodges to work on this right away, and bring as many as you can. Let this truly be a day of Festivities for Afros.

#### Luxis Club To Meet Here

Yazoo City High School No. 2 will be host to the Luxis Club which will convene here March 31, April 1-2, 1939. This is a group of young men and young women who have taken a stand for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Their motto—"You and I United in Christ" is what the world needs for the salvation of evils. Let us line up with Prof. Taylor, the faculty, and the students of Yazoo High School No. 2 in making this meeting what it rightfully should be, and in showing the visitors a hearty welcome.

#### Official Undertaker



Mr. Bennie Howard, Clarksdale, Miss., has been appointed as the Official Undertaker and Embalmer for The Century Burial Assn. Mr. Howard is well known throughout the state and offers superior services.

#### Mrs. R. R. Moton Heard Over "Wings Over Jordan Program"

Sunday morning, March 4, 1939, Mrs. R. R. Moton, formerly of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., was heard over the program "Wings Over Jordan," which comes over the Columbia Broadcasting System every Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock Central Standard Time. Mrs. Moton is very widely known. She is President of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and Consultant of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Recently she made visits to several sections of this state. She is one of the outstanding women of our race and we feel sure those who heard her broadcast were inspired by the message.

#### Supreme Lecturer, Clister L. Johnson, In South Mississippi

The Supreme Lecturer, Clister L. Johnson, has been doing great work in south Mississippi the last two months. He has organized lodges at both Brookhaven and McComb, Miss., and two lodges in Lincoln County. He reports to the Courier that all lodges are going strong and have already taken on the Afro spirit that has caused the organization to make such rapid growth. Mrs. Gladys Moore is President of the Brookhaven Lodge, and Mrs. M. Dixon is F. S. Mrs. Lizzie Day is the wide awake F. S. of the McComb Lodge.

The Supreme Lecturer will be staging membership drives over the state for the next three months.

#### Finder Of King Tut Is Dead At Age 66

##### Howard Carter, Archaeologist, Dies At London

Howard Carter, who tapped the 32-centuries-old tomb of the boy king Tutankhamen in defiance of the "curse of the Pharaohs," died at the age of 66 at his home here last night 16 years after his thrilling discovery. He had been ill for sometime.

The English archaeologist penetrated the Egyptian tomb in 1922 and found the mummified body of the king, priceless jewels, and ancient furniture. The king's body was encased in three coffins, the last of which was pure gold.

Moses supposedly led the Israelites through the Red Sea during King Tut's reign some time between the Fifteenth and Fourteenth Centuries before Christ. Discoveries in the excavations of his tomb aroused great popular interest.

About 20 persons connected with the discovery died in recent years. Lord Carnarvon, who financed the expedition, was the first to die—from a mosquito bite—six weeks after the tomb was opened. Others who died included humble workmen employed in removing the 2000 tons of earth to reach the ancient crypt.

Each time a death was recorded the Pharaoh's curse, "Death shall come on swift wings to him that toucheth the tomb of Pharaoh," was recalled.

On Thursday evening, March 2, 1939, a crowd of friends enjoyed the birthday party given by Mrs. Naomi Huddleston in honor of her husband, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr. The affair was given at the Afro Auditorium. The hostess spared no pains in making the evening enjoyable for all present, both young and old. Provisions were made for many kinds of games so everyone could take a part in something. The birthday cake was beautiful as well as delicious and was served with the other refreshments.

Mr. Huddleston was the recipient of many useful, valuable, and beautiful gifts for which he is very grateful. He wishes to thank, especially, all the Financial Secretaries for their loyalty in sending applications for his birthday. He received over one hundred application gifts. Out of his appreciation, a list of the Financial Secretaries who responded is given in this issue of the Courier. Be sure to see it.

#### Why We Observe Negro History Week

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The aim of this generation should be to collect the records of the Negro and treat them scientifically in order that the race may not become a negligible factor in the thought of the world. The past of the Negro race has been so obscured and belittled by propagandists that little is known of its creditable record. Today, as a rule, we take notice only of the undesirable Negroes, and ignore those who are struggling to climb upward.

To turn the attention of the public in the more desirable direction the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was organized in Chicago, September 9, 1915, by Carter G. Woodson and four other persons. The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History finds by scientific investigation that the record of the Negro is not to be despised.

Negro history has great value because it shows that the backwardness of Negroes is due to circumstances rather than to the original nature of darker peoples. Since circumstances can be altered, there is hope for the future of our people. The racial problems of this country will be much nearer to solution when most people know the truth of Negro history.

All Negroes in America today should be interested in spreading the light of Negro history. The world must know that Negroes have been held back. The world must know that Negroes have always made the same progress as others wherever they have had equal opportunities for education and advancement. The world must know that better communities have resulted where Negroes have been permitted to advance; that communities have remained backward wherever Negroes have been held back.

True history can overcome the propaganda which holds back the progress of Negroes. The task of removing prejudice and hatred by education of world opinion, however, is like creating an ocean by collecting drops of water. Each historical fact must be established, and the story told by collections of facts must be broadcast to the world. The task of constructing Negro history is not the duty of all who are interested in the advancement of Negroes.

#### Mrs. Roosevelt Mum On Scrap With D. A. R.

Reported To Have Resigned Because Of Ban On Singer

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt referred questioners to the Daughters of the American Revolution today when asked if she was resigning from the D. A. R., because of its denial of Constitution Hall to Marian Anderson, famous negro singer, for a concert here April 9.

In Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Henry M. Robert, president-general of the D. A. R., declined to comment. Constitution Hall, one of the larger auditoriums here, is owned by the D. A. R.

Although refusing to name the group, Mrs. Roosevelt said she was resigning from "an organization" because she could not actively fight an action by it of which she disapproved.

Mrs. Roosevelt readily confirmed, however, that she had sent a telegram to a mass meeting held yesterday to protest what leaders termed the "exclusion" of the singer from Constitution Hall and from Central High School here.

Although the D. A. R. has made no statement, Frederick Hand, Constitution Hall manager, said the Hall had been booked more than a year ago by the National Symphony Orchestra for the afternoon of April 9. Sponsors of the Anderson concert sought the hall for that night.